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DEPT PASS PRETORIA AND MAPUTO NIACT IMMEDIATE

FROM SCHAUFLE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SCHAUFLE TRAVEL

REF: A) PRETORIA 4444, B. MAPUTO 1112

1. AS I PRESENTLY SEE IT THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT I CAN MEET MBABANE COMMITMENT AND THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE CANCELLED WITH SUITABLE APOLOGIES. HOWEVER, ITINERARY COULD BE WORKED OUT TO PERMIT STOP IN MASERU AT LEAST MONDAY, OCT. 4.

2. IF SECRETARY CONCURS THAT I GO TO MAPUTO AS PROPOSED REFTEL (B) I SUGGEST THAT I DO SO MORNING OF OCT 2, RETURNING TO PRETORIA TO MEET RHODESIAN SAME OR FOLLOWING DAY. I WOULD THEN BE IN PRETORIA, WHEN COMMUNICATIONS ARE EASIER, AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER 1. URGE THAT TALKING POINTS/INSTRUCTIONS FOR BOTH MEETINGS BE RECEIVED IN PRETORIA NLT NOON (LOCAL PRETORIA TIME) OCTOBER 1.

3. REGARDING MAPUTO VISIT I SEE SOME ADVANTAGES TO IT. CERTAINLY IF MACHEL HAS REQUESTED IT I STRONGLY BELIEVE WE SHOULD TRY TO RESPOND

POSITIVELY. SINCE ROWLANDS ALREADY SCHEDULED SEE MACHEL 1700 LOCAL OCT. 1.

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BELIEVE MY APPOINTMENT BEST SCHEDULED FOR FOLLOWING MORNING. AL-

THOUGH I COULD MEET WITH RHODESIANS EITHER BEFORE OR AFTER MACHEL
ON BALANCE I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE BETTER TO DO SO AFTERWARDS.

4. DATT AIRCRAFT IS ONLY POSSIBLE WAY THAT TRAVEL CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED. MAPUTO SHOULD IMMEDIATELY GET CONTINGENCY OVERFLIGHT
-LANDING CLEARANCE FOR ROUNDTRIP JOHANNESBURG-MAPUTO AND RETURN.

5. FOR PRETORIA: YOUR ASSUMPTION PARA 3 REFTTEL (A) CORRECT.
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